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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate the Illinois
4 School for the Deaf in Jacksonville on the occasion of the
5 175th anniversary of its founding; and

6 WHEREAS, In 1838, Senator Orville H. Browning from Quincy
7 was so impressed by a fellow steamboat traveler, an educated
8 deaf man from Kentucky, that he decided to propose legislation
9 to establish a school that would give educational opportunities
10 for the deaf citizens of Illinois; and

11 WHEREAS, Senator Browning enlisted the support of State
12 Representative Abraham Lincoln for passage in the Illinois
13 House of Representatives; on February 23, 1839, Governor Thomas
14 Carlin signed Browning's bill creating the Illinois Asylum for
15 the Education of the Deaf and Dumb; and

16 WHEREAS, In 1903, the school's name was changed to the
17 Illinois School for the Deaf; and

18 WHEREAS, Throughout the years, the Illinois School of the
19 Deaf has grown considerably, with a humble enrollment of 4
20 students on opening day and 14 students the following year;
21 today, it serves an impressive 253 students throughout the

1 various programs that are offered; and

2 WHEREAS, The Illinois School for the Deaf is recognized as
3 a valuable community asset and has gained a prestigious
4 reputation in the State as a premier institution for the deaf
5 and those hard of hearing; and

6 WHEREAS, The Illinois School for the Deaf has done an
7 extraordinary job in accomplishing its mission to educate
8 students who are deaf and hard of hearing to become
9 responsible, self-supporting citizens; and

10 WHEREAS, The Illinois School for the Deaf has shown
11 exemplary leadership with the students in helping them achieve
12 their highest academic and social potential through their
13 instructional, residential, and recreational programs and
14 related support services; and

15 WHEREAS, The Illinois School for the Deaf empowers students
16 to explore technological trends and employment opportunities
17 for the future, while also providing a safe, healthy, and
18 respectful learning, living, and working environment; and

19 WHEREAS, The Illinois School for the Deaf offers an
20 extraordinarily supportive and caring atmosphere in order for
21 its students to develop positive self-esteem and skills

1 necessary to be successful in an ever-changing world; and

2 WHEREAS, The Illinois School for the Deaf's 175th
3 anniversary celebration will take place on February 22, 2014 at
4 the Jacksonville Country Club; the celebration will include
5 dinner and a live performance honoring the founding of the
6 school; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
8 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
9 we congratulate the Illinois School for the Deaf on its 175th
10 anniversary and wish the school's administration and faculty
11 many more years of success in the future; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to the Illinois School for the Deaf as an expression
14 of our esteem and respect.